

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT TACOMA

BOBBY WELLS,

Plaintiff,

v.

WASHINGTON STATE
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS,
ELENOR VERNELL, MIKE ALBERT,
LT. BOBBY GREENE,

Defendants.

No. C13-234 RJB/KLS

ORDER DENYING PLAINTIFF'S
MOTION TO AMEND COMPLAINT
WITHOUT PREJUDICE

Before the Court is Plaintiff's Motion to Amend. ECF No. 21. Plaintiff seeks to add two additional defendants. *Id.* Plaintiff has failed to provide a proposed amended complaint. Having reviewed the motion, the Court finds that it should be denied.

DISCUSSION

Leave to amend should be freely given "when justice so requires." Fed. R. Civ. P. 15(a)(2). "The denial of a motion for leave to amend pursuant to Rule 15(a) is reviewed 'for abuse of discretion and in light of the strong public policy permitting amendment.'" *Bonin v. Calderon*, 59 F.3d at 845, *quoting Outdoor Systems, Inc. v. City of Mesa*, 997 F.2d 604, 614 (9th Cir. 1993). A district court may take into consideration such factors as "bad faith, undue delay, prejudice to the opposing party, futility of the amendment, and whether the party has previously amended his pleadings." *See In re Morris*, 363 F.3d 891, 894 (9th Cir. 2004), *quoting Bonin*, 59 F.3d at 845.

1 “The liberal amendment rules of Fed. R. Civ. P. 15(a) do not require that courts indulge
2 in futile gestures.” *Deloach v. Woodley*, 405 F.2d 496, 497 (5th Cir. 1968). If a proposed
3 amendment could not withstand a motion to dismiss, a court is justified in denying a motion to
4 amend the pleadings made pursuant to Rule 15(a). *Jones v. Community Redevelopment Agency*
5 *of City of Los Angeles*, 733 F.2d 646 (9th Cir. 1984); *Glick v. Koenig*, 766 F.2d 265 (7th Cir.
6 1985).

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8 To state a claim under 42 U.S.C. § 1983, at least two elements must be met: (1) the
9 defendant must be a person acting under color of state law, (2) and his conduct must have
10 deprived the plaintiff of rights, privileges or immunities secured by the Constitution or laws of
11 the United States. *Parratt v. Taylor*, 451 U.S. 527, 535 (1981), *overruled in part on other*
12 *grounds, Daniels v. Williams*, 474 U.S. 327, 330-31 (1986). Implicit in the second element is a
13 third element of causation. *See Mt. Healthy City School Dist. v. Doyle*, 429 U.S. 274, 286-87,
14 (1977); *Flores v. Pierce*, 617 F.2d 1386, 1390-91 (9th Cir. 1980), *cert. denied*, 449 U.S. 975
15 (1980). When a plaintiff fails to allege or establish one of the three elements, his complaint must
16 be dismissed.

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18 Plaintiff has failed to provide a proposed amended complaint. He instead lists changes he
19 wants to his original complaint in his motion. This is not in compliance with LCR 15, which
20 provides as follows:

21 A party who moves for leave to amend a pleading, or who seeks to amend a
22 pleading by stipulation and order, must attach a copy of the proposed amended
23 pleading as an exhibit to the motion or stipulation. The party must indicate on the
24 proposed amended pleading how it differs from the pleading that it amends by
25 bracketing or striking through the text to be deleted and underlining or
26 highlighting the text to be added. The proposed amended pleading must not
incorporate by reference any part of the preceding pleading, including exhibits.

1 Pursuant to LCR 15, Plaintiff must therefore attach a copy of the proposed amended
2 pleading as an exhibit to his motion. In addition, the proposed amended complaint must stand on
3 its own without reference to the original complaint. It is not possible for the Court or the
4 Defendants to fully respond to Plaintiff's motion without seeing his proposed amended
5 complaint. For this reason alone, his motion to amend must be denied.

6 Accordingly, it is **ORDERED**:

7 (1) Plaintiff's motion to amend (ECF No. 21) is **DENIED without prejudice**.

8 (2) The Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Order to Plaintiff and to counsel for
9 Defendants.
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12 **DATED** this 5th day of August, 2103.

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17 United States Magistrate Judge
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